

For the repair of all the roads within the Bridgewater trust for a term of three years from the 6th of October next.

For the execution of that portion of the Edinburgh and Northern Railway, extending from Burntisland Pier to Kinghorn.

For supplying the Trent Valley Railway Company with about 200,000 sleepers of good sound Baltic timber.

For supplying the Clydesdale Junction Railway Company with about 2,500 Tons of Rails, and about 600 Tons of Chairs.

For supplying the Leeds and Thirsk Railway Company with 100,000 Railway Sleepers.

For the execution of works on the East Lancashire Railway, viz., the Accrington Contract, being a distance of about 8 miles.

For the execution of that portion of the Newcastle and Berwick Railway, extending from Netherton to Tweedmouth, being a distance of about 53 miles. To be let in four contracts.

For the execution of works on the Leeds, Dewsbury, and Manchester Railway, viz., the Churwell Contract, being a distance of about 2½ miles.

For supplying the Wakefield, Pontefract, and Goole Railway Company with about 7,000 tons of Malleable Iron Rails, and 2,000 tons of chairs.

COMPETITIONS.

The Committee for the establishment of Public Parks, Walks, &c., at Manchester, offer two prizes, one of 50 guineas and the other of 25 guineas, for the best and second best set of Plans (with estimates), for the laying out, &c., of the sites already purchased by them.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Constant Reader."—Notwithstanding our correspondent's objection, we know no better depositary for his £15 than a Savings' Bank. It is difficult to employ advantageously a small sum.

"A Subscriber."—Mr. Cockerell's Lectures are not published. Accurate reports of the last course will be found in the BUILDER, pp. 31, 38, 63, 73, 85, ante. The "Athenaeum" contains very excellent and full reports of previous courses.

"A. B."—The letter on Purity of Water is simply an advertisement.

"One of your constant Readers."—Replies to the whole of the questions put to students in Architecture at University College would form an elaborate treatise on the subject. We will see what can be done.

"J. Morgan." (School of Design); "T. A." and "Amicus" are declined with thanks; we cannot afford space.

"Ed. H."—Larson's "Price Book" will give the information required.

"J. C."—We shall be glad to learn the decision of the commissioners.

"A Youngster."—The Institute of Architects have published a valuable pamphlet on "Dilapidations," which may be had of Weale, Holborn. There are several larger works on the same subject. The most recent is by Gibbon.

"H. A."—The block unfortunately arrived too late for the present No. We shall be glad to avail ourselves of it next week.

"Messrs. Testa's Glass Warehouse."—A correspondent wishes to know where it is situated.

"A. B."—We shall be glad to see the drawing.

"W. J. S."—We cannot tell without seeing the drawing.

"A Young Builder."—If the circumstances were correctly stated to us, our reply may be safely acted on.

"Stained Glass Window in St. James's Church."—Correspondents must excuse us for not replying to the numerous letters we have received on this subject. It is hoped that a change will yet be made.

"J. C." "W. H." "E. H." "J. L." "J. P." and various tenders, next week.

Received: "Second Report of the Commissioners for Inquiring into the State of large Towns."—"The Philanthropic," No. 1. (a Monthly Magazine connected with the Metropolitan Literary Institutions).—"Dolman's Magazine," No. VII.—"Old England," part 21 (Knight).—"Pictorial Gallery of Arts," part VIII.—"Illuminated Magazine," No. III.

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